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BLM PROVIDES PREVIEW OF PROPOSED PLAN

BUTTE (June 20, 2005) – The public is invited to an open house hosted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to share information on proposed management of BLM lands within the Butte Field Office. "It is important that we touch base with the public during the planning process to make sure we're on the right track," commented Field Manager Rick Hotaling. "This meeting will give us an opportunity to summarize our efforts and for the public to comment on the work so far."

The public meeting is Wednesday, June 29 at 7pm at the Butte Field Office conference room, 106 North Parkmont.

At the meeting BLM will present a summary of the Proposed Planning Scenario and take comments from the public. To be most useful, comments need to be submitted by July 6. These comments will be used to develop the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an expected completion of January, 2006.

Copies of the Proposed Planning Scenario are available from the BLM in Butte and public libraries in Butte, Boulder, Townsend, Helena and Bozeman.

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